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Redwood National and State Parks Present a Tolowa Dance Demonstration, July 19th 2014

On Saturday, July 19th, members of the Tolowa Nation will present a Tolowa Dance Demonstration at 1:00 p.m. at the Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park day use area, located off Highway 199, just west of Hiouchi, California. The demonstration is open to the public, free of charge, and will last about an hour.

The dance demonstration is co-hosted by Redwood National and State Parks, Redwood Parks Association, and members of the Tolowa Nation. Dance is an important part of the Tolowa culture meant to reestablish positive relationships between humans and the earth. The dance, called *Na-dosh* in Tolowa, is a renewal ceremony that is traditionally performed inside a redwood plank house. For the demonstration, the program will be held in a redwood grove overlooking the Smith River. Many northwestern California tribes continue to pass on their language, arts, and traditions, particularly in the form of song and dance.

There is limited parking near the day use area. **A Special Event Parking Area will be available for those wishing to attend the event without paying day use fees.** It will be located directly across Highway 199 from the Hiouchi Information Center and will require a 1/3 mile walk to the day use area. A van will be available to shuttle visitors unable to do the walk to and from the day use area.

Come share in this celebration of local cultural diversity. Bring blankets or folding chairs, as seating may be limited. For more information about this event please contact National Park Ranger Jim Wheeler at 707-465-7764, or the park information line at 707-465-7335.

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